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- 1. ITALIAN REGULATIONS DO NOT RESTRICT PER SE FOREIGN INVESTMENTS OR PARTICIPATION IN THE ITALIAN FISHING INDUSTRY, INCLUDING FISHING, FISH PROCESSING AND TRANSPORTATION OF FISH. HOWEVER, FOREIGN INVESTMENTS IN THE FISHING INDUSTRY IS LIMITED BY THE ITALIAN MARITIME CODE (ARTICLES 143 AND 144), WHICH PROVIDES THAT FOREIGN CAPITAL OWNERSHIP OF ITALIAN VESSELS CAN BOT BE OVER ONE THIRD OF THE TOTAL VALUE OF THE SHIP. THERE IS NO FOREIGN INVESTMENT AT THIS TIME IN THE ITALIAN FISHING SECTOR.
- 2. NO PRIOR GOVERNMENT APPROVAL OR REPORTING REQUIREMENTS EXHIST IN ITALY. THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT SIMPLY REVIEWS FOREIGN INVESTMENT THROUGH THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE CONTROL MECHANISM IN ORDER TO DETERMINE WHETHER AN INVESTMENT IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE REMITTANCE OF EARNINGS AND THE REPATRIATION OF CAPITAL.
- 3. LOCAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS PROVIDING FOR SUBSIDIES AND FINANCING AT LOW RATE OF INTEREST IN FAVOR OF THE FISHING INDUSTRY DO NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST CORPORATIONS OR ENTITIES WHICH ARE WHOLLY OR PARTIALLY OWNED BY FOREIGN INTERESTS. UNCLASSIFIED

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